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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re)	Chapter 11
LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al.)	Case No. 08-13555 (JMP)
Debtors.))	Jointly Administered

RESPONSE OF KILROY REALTY, L.P. TO THE DEBTORS' SIXTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (VALUED DERIVATIVE CLAIMS)

Kilroy Realty, L.P. ("<u>Kilroy</u>") by its undersigned counsel, submits this response (the "<u>Response</u>") to the Debtors' Sixty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (Valued Derivative Claims). In support of this Response, Kilroy respectfully states as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On March 27, 2007, Lehman Brothers OTC Derivatives Inc. ("Lehman OTC"), represented by its agent, Lehman Brothers Inc., and Kilroy entered into a confirmation letter agreement (as amended by the letter of amendment, dated April 4, 2007 and supplemented by a pricing supplement, dated April 10, 2007, collectively, the "Confirmation"), which the parties agreed would supplement and be subject to the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (the "Master")

<u>Agreement</u>")¹ as if the parties had executed a Master Agreement. Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("<u>LBHI</u>") unconditionally guaranteed the obligations of Lehman OTC under the Master Agreement pursuant to the Unanimous Written Consent of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., dated June 9, 2005 (the "Guarantee").

- 2. Commencing on September 15, 2008, and periodically thereafter, Lehman OTC and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") commenced voluntary cases under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. These cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Section 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").
- 3. By letter dated October 9, 2008 (the "Notice of Termination"), Kilroy provided to Lehman OTC notice of early termination of the Confirmation due to the occurrence of an Event of Default by Lehman OTC.
- 4. On July 2, 2009, this Court entered the *Order for Establishing Deadlines for Filing Proofs of Claim, Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and Approving the Proof of Claim Form* (the "Bar Date Order") [Docket No. 4271]. The Bar Date Order provided that "each holder of a claim against a Debtor based on amounts owed pursuant to any Derivative Contract must . . . complete the electronic Derivative Questionnaire [and] electronically upload supporting documentation on the website" Bar Date Order, at 7. The Bar Date Order further provided that "each holder of a claim against a Debtor based on a Guarantee by a Debtor of the obligations of a non-Debtor entity under a Derivative Contract must complete the

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Response shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Master Agreement.

electronic Guarantee Questionnaire and electronically upload supporting documentation on the website" *Id.* at 8.

- 5. On September 14, 2009, Kilroy filed (i) a proof of claim (Claim No. 12597) against Lehman OTC seeking recovery under the Master Agreement in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 (the "Lehman OTC Claim") and (ii) a proof of claim (Claim No. 12598) against LBHI seeking recovery under the Guarantee in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 (the "LBHI Claim," and, together with the Lehman OTC Claim, the "Claims"). Pursuant to the terms of the Bar Date Order, Kilroy completed the required Derivative Questionnaire and Guarantee Questionnaire (the "Questionnaires") in connection with the Lehman OTC Claim and the LBHI Claim, respectively. In conjunction with the Questionnaires, Kilroy submitted the following supporting documentation: a copy of the Confirmation, the Notice of Termination and evidence of delivery thereof; a copy of Kilroy's valuation statement and evidence of delivery thereof; a trade details analysis providing information necessary to identify and reconcile each transaction; quotations received from Bank of America, N.A. and J. P. Morgan Securities Inc.; and a computation of interest and legal fees.
- 6. On November 3, 2010, the Debtors filed the *Debtors' Sixty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (Valued Derivative Claims)* (the "Objection") seeking the reduction and allowance of Kilroy's claims solely on the basis that "the amounts listed on the proofs of claim are greater than the fair, accurate, and reasonable values" of the claims as determined by the Debtors. Objection, at ¶ 11. The Debtors submitted no documentary evidence in support of the Objection.

7. The Debtors seek to reduce both Claims from \$2,400,000.00 to \$1,369,711.00. The Debtors submit that this amount reflects the proper value of the Claims, without offering any evidence whatsoever to support this valuation.

ARGUMENT

A. Applicable Legal Standard

8. A proof of claim executed and filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules constitutes prima facie evidence of the validity of the claim. See In re DJK Residential LLC, 416 B.R. 100, 104 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009); In re Hess, 404 B.R. 747, 750 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009); In re Alper Holdings USA, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 86, 90 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2008); In re MarketXT Holdings Corp., 2007 Bankr. Lexis 740, 17 n.8 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2007). If a party in interest files an objection to the proof of claim, "[t]he burden of going forward then shifts to the objector to produce evidence sufficient to negate the prima facie validity of the filed claim." Alper Holdings USA, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 86, 90 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2008); see also In re MarketXT Holdings Corp., 2007 Bankr, Lexis 740, 17 n.8 (Bankr, S.D.N.Y. 2007) (noting that "[t]he claimant is only required to prove the merits of the claim if an objection is offered"). Specifically, "the objector must produce evidence which, if believed, would refute at least one of the allegations that is essential to the claim's sufficiency." In re Alper Holdings USA, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 86, 90 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2008); In re DJK Residential LLC, 416 B.R. 100, 104 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009). Thus, the burden of proof does not shift to the claimant until the objector has first met its burden of production by providing sufficient evidence to overcome the prima facie validity of the claim. "When the burden [does] shift back to the claimant, the claimant must prove the validity of the claim by a preponderance of the evidence." In re MarketXT Holdings Corp., 2007 Bankr. Lexis 740, 17 n.8 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2007); see also In re *DJK Residential LLC*, 416 B.R. 100, 104-105 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009) ("[t]he claimant must then prove by a preponderance of the evidence that under applicable law the claim should be allowed") (internal quotation marks omitted).

B. The Debtors Have Failed to Meet Their Burden of Production

- 9. The Debtors have produced no evidence whatsoever to support their contention that Kilroy's Claims should be reduced. Simply stating that the proofs of claims are "greater than the fair, accurate, and reasonable values determined by the Debtors after a review of the claimant's supporting documentation and the Debtors' books and records" does not constitute evidence at all, much less "evidence which, if believed, would refute at least one of the allegations that is essential to the claim's sufficiency." In fact, the Debtors have failed to provide this Court with any insight into its rationale for requesting the reduction of the Claims, much less any documentary support for such reduction.
- 10. The Debtors also failed to offer support for their valuation methods during their brief discussions with Kilroy. During the two "negotiations" that took place between the Debtors and Kilroy (spaced approximately one year apart), the Debtors simply proposed settlement amounts without ever explaining their assertions or providing any formula from which they derived their purported "fair, accurate, and reasonable valuation" of the Claims. Kilroy, on the other hand, has submitted documentation to the Court supporting their valuation of the Claims, including quotations from both J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Bank of America, N.A. valuing the claim at approximately \$2,400,000.00 (submitted with the Questionnaires). The Debtors' have not even attempted to refute the prima facie validity of Kilroy's Claims; therefore, they have failed to meet their burden of production.

WHEREFORE, Kilroy requests that this Court deny the Objection to the extent that the Debtors seek to reduce Kilroy's Claims, allow the Claims in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 against each of Lehman OTC and LBHI, and grant such other, further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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